

# THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

## STUDENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF SENATE

May 28, 2014

Minutes of the STUDENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF SENATE held in the HoL 210B, Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, B.C., commencing at 9:00 am

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
<b>Present:</b> Chris Adam, Gary Hunt, Sukh Heer Matonovich, Greg Link, Arlene Olynyk, Marlies McArthur, Harold Richins, Angelique Saweczko, Jon Shephard, Janice Yeung,		
<b>Regrets:</b> Tracey Christianson, Craig Engleson		
<b>Guests:</b> Alex McLellan,		
<b>Recorder:</b> Sandy Devick		
CALL TO ORDER	<i>The meeting being duly constituted for the conduct of business, the Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.</i>	S. Devick
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	<i>On motion duly made and adopted, it was RESOLVED to approve the agenda with the addition of the Nursing video.</i>	S. Devick
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	<i>On motion duly made and adopted, it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the meeting of March 26, 2014 as distributed</i>	S. Devick
OLD BUSINESS	<p><b>Topic: Update on study space request</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dorys Crespin-Mueller will give a full response to the request at the June meeting about what data IPA can or cannot provide. IPA will give a sense of how to do a systematic study and how to fill the gaps. After this information is shared, this committee will decide what to do going forward.</li> <li>• The library collects user data for bookable study space.</li> <li>• The data collected for computer labs doesn't tell anything about how often or when the labs are used.</li> <li>• Study space should be defined, perhaps according to the campus plan. The campus plan will be to provide places where people can interact. Studying is not done only in carrels but in group study spaces as well.</li> <li>• The TRUSU Caucus has a whole range of questions and they want hard data on it, or a composite idea of what students think about the available space.</li> <li>• This could be an annual activity to adjust to study space needs</li> <li>• Access to specific spaces is also an issue e.g., Law school</li> </ul>	Chris Adam

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NEW BUSINESS	<p><b>Topic: Nursing video-reporting on Student Engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A video is better than a written document, but labour-intensive.</li> <li>• Faculties currently do not report directly to Senate on any aspect of their activities.</li> <li>• This committee will make a recommendation that Faculties report directly to Senate rather than through this committee.</li> <li>• Each faculty will report once a year. It will be the annual report and will highlight the importance of engagement as this is the most important factor for student retention.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Sukh Heer Matonovich and Arlene Olynyk will draft a motion that recommends Senate consider having Faculties (and other units including the Library and Student Services) report directly to Senate on a regular basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faculties, schools and student support services will be responsible for creating the reports and Student Engagement Committee will be able to provide support as appropriate</li> <li>• As Senators change from year to year, new Senators will be able to look back at what Faculties have done previously.</li> </ul>	Chris Adam
	<p><b>Topic: Orientation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A small steering group has been established with the task of looking at opportunities of integrating activities among groups – Residence, TRUSU, Sekusnt, TRU, TRU World</li> <li>• The objective is to make all activities transparent and available to all students.</li> <li>• The New Student Transition Committee will be breaking into 3 areas - Academic Open Houses, Strategic Enrolment Management and Recruitment. Composition of the committees will be broken up into what area members belong to.</li> </ul>	Chris Adam
	<p><b>Topic: Revised Terms of Reference</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Terms of Reference (including responsibilities and composition) are sitting in limbo. Have the objectives been met since this committee was set up (vis-a-vis the previous Strategic Plan) or do the responsibilities need to be changed to meet the Academic Plan?</li> <li>• Membership composition should be reviewed for fair representation from faculties, student support services, schools, student reps. The number of members should be considered.</li> <li>• Angelique, Sukh, Greg, Janice, and Chris will work together to bring forward recommendations for revising the Terms of Reference and will bring back recommendations at the June meeting.</li> <li>• Thanks to Marlies and her contributions to this committee. Happy retirement!</li> </ul>	Chris Adam

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NEXT MEETING	The next meeting will be held on June 25, 2014 at 9:00 am. Room HoL 210B	

**ADJOURNMENT**      The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

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*Signature of Chairperson, Chair*

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*Signature of Vice-Chairperson, Vice-Chair (if required)*